GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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IMPORT OF TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the varieties of textiles being imported;

(b) the reasons for import of these textiles;

(c) the variety, quantity and value of textiles imported during each of the last three years and the current year, till date;

(d) the amount of foreign exchange spent on such imports during the above period, year-wise and value-wise; and

(e) the details of programmes for the production of the said textiles in the country and the time by which the imports of these textiles are likely to be stopped to save foreign exchange ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The varieties of textiles being imported are Silk, Wool, Cotton, Flax/Jute, Man-made fibre/Yarn/Fabrics, Pile fabrics of cotton & man-made fibre, Ready made garments and made ups.

(b) The imports take place due to a variety of reasons, mainly due to commercial factors.

(c) & (d) The details of imports during the last three years are given below :-

Year	Value in Rs. Crores
1996-97	2639. 87
1997-98	3012. 68
1998-99	3297. 29
1999-2000 (Apr.-Jan)	1614. 41

Source : DGCIS, Calcutta.

The variety wise imports of textiles are as below:-

(In million kgs.)

Item	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 Provisional
Cotton Fabrics	3.67	4.68	5.20
Man-made/Blended Fabrics	5.95	8.84	11.48
Woollen Fabrics	0.16	0.32	0.20
Silk Fabrics	0.30	0.38	0.23

(e) In the atmosphere of liberalistion, the imports are governed by market forces subject to export-import policy inforce from time to time. Steps are being taken by Government to modernize and upgrade the technology, e.g., Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFs) so that local production of quality products is encouraged. To protect local industry from any injurious effects of imports, action under anti-dumping, subsidies and countervailing measures etc. of WTO could be taken if necessary.